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Oakland – The California Department of Transportation District 4 today released the following letter from District Director Bijan Sartipi to Solano Transportation Authority Chair Len Augustine regarding pavement rehabilitation on Interstate 80 between Fairfield and Vacaville:

Dear Mr. Augustine:

This is in response to your letter requesting the advanced delivery of a State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project along Interstate 80 (I-80), from Fairfield to Vacaville, in Solano County.

While SHOPP projects are prioritized for funding on a statewide basis, we have programmed three projects at nearly \$95 million for the rehabilitation of I-80 in Solano County. We recognize the need for pavement improvement on I-80 and are committed to deliver these projects timely, including the two-year acceleration to Fiscal Year (FY) 2007/2008 from FY 2009/2010 of the \$42 million, 15-mile pavement rehabilitation project from Route 12 to just east of Leisure Town Road. At the time of project delivery, the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) approval for fund allocation will be required to proceed to construction.

Most recently, we were successful in obtaining authorization from the CTC and completed \$2 million in emergency repairs of approximately 250 concrete slabs on I-80 in Fairfield and Vacaville.

We appreciate your interest and support regarding pavement rehabilitation on I-80, and we will continue to coordinate the delivery of related projects with Solano Transportation Authority to improve constructability, increase cost effectiveness, and minimize construction disruption.

Augustine, STA Board Chair and Vacaville Mayor, said, "The STA has been aggressively seeking an earlier solution to the I-80 pavement issue. The current pavement on I-80 in Solano County has multiple areas of critical pavement failure. We are pleased that Caltrans has advanced delivery of this project, which is critically important to traveler safety."

Although the design is in the preliminary stage, this rehabilitation project will overlay the existing concrete pavement surface with asphalt concrete within the project limits.

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